

Our Ref: 006/2020  
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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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- 1) Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your Trust

Yes, the policy is available here: <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/publication-scheme/our-policies-and-procedures/treatments-and-investigations/>

a) What date was this protocol put into place: **July 2014**

b) When is it due for review: **April 2022**

- 2) Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the trust for VTE

**Rivaroxaban for first line, but other DOACs are available in individual cases. Usually limited to rivaroxaban and apixaban, as both dabigatran and edoxaban require concurrent low molecular weight heparin prescription.**

Local formulary available via: <https://oesn11hpbml2xaq003wx02ib-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Section2.8.pdf> (p.4 for VTE guidance)

- 3) How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months

**We don't have the diagnostic data available**

- 4) What volume of each DOAC was used to Treat in this same time period

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